

# NM EQIP FY 2005 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - Cuba F.O.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Plants - 40 Potential Points (40% of Total)

If using this method of evaluation use stocking rate based on MLRA, etc. <b>OR</b> stocking rate for irrigated lands. Do not use both.		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
<b>Grazing Plan</b>	Intensive Rotation			10		
	Seasonal Use			5		
	Continuous Use			0		
<b>Deferment Period *(if at &gt;75%, additional improvement not mandatory to continue)</b>	>90% of Growing Season			20		
	51-90% of Growing Season*			15		
	26-50% of Growing Season			10		
	0-25% of Growing Season			0		
<b>Stocking Rate Based On: MLRA _____ SITE _____ SL: 26-50</b>	>11	Acres/ 1 AUM		10		
	9.0 - 11.0	Acres/ 1 AUM		7		
	6.5-9.0	Acres/ 1 AUM		4		
	<6.5	Acres/ 1 AUM		0		
<b>(Irr Lands) Stocking Rate Based on Soils Data &amp; Ag Tech Note 41</b>	>3.1	Acres/ 1 AUM		10		
	2.8-3.1	Acres/ 1 AUM		7		
	2.3-3.0	Acres/ 1 AUM		4		
	<2.3	Acres/ 1 AUM		0		
				<b>1. Plants Total:</b>		

Note: above recommended stocking rates (score) may be adjusted up or down if particular range condition is highly variable.

## 2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 45 Potential Points (45% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
<b>Plants (Suitability, Condition and Management)</b>			
550 Range Planting (Min. Score of 19 -BP or AP total-from Sec. 1/deferred grazing req.)	10		
314 Brush Management (" ") deferred grazing MAY be required)	10		
<b>Animal (Management)</b>			
382 Fence (Purpose is to enhance rangeland management system)	5		
378,516,614 Ponds,Wells, Livestock Pipeline, Storage (Most cost effective to be used)	5		
<b>Soil (Erosion)</b>			
348,362 Erosion Control Structure (Diversions, Dams, Netwire etc.)	10		
410 Grade Stabilization Structure	5		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

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## 3. Other Considerations -15 Potential Points (15% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	3		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	3		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	3		
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	3		
E. Participating in the District Noxious Weed Program	8		
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Worksheet \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**\*A minimum of \_\_\_\_ total points must be earned to be considered for contract selection.**

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Designated Conservationist

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Date

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